

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification in accordance with the instructions set forth below.

*Please INSERT the following paragraph, as a separate paragraph, at page 8, line 22:*

One gelatine-like protein for use according to the invention can consist of at least 95% of Gly-Xaa-Yaa triplets and can contain at least 15% of proline residues and less than 5% of hydroxyproline residues. The molecular weight distribution of the protein can show a maximum between 40 kDa and 200 kDa, at least 75% of the protein molecules having a molecular weight within 2% of the maximum.